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Dr. E. P. Henderson,  
U. S. National Museum,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I am very anxious to get the matter of the Beas, Alabama, iron meteorite settled and the portions of it that belong to me returned here. Please see my letter of 1958, March 24, as well as earlier correspondence.

It was my understanding you were to keep one slice and return all the rest to me. I had thought there were to be two slices and the main mass to come back to me, but I never did hear from you how many slices were actually cut. I badly want to keep my promise to the man who originally put me on the trail of this, as I had told him I would give him a slice. Do please let me hear from you.

This was the case in which I was to pay for the cutting and if you kept a slice I was to get an exchange. You once suggested Loreto, Baja California, but I never did learn from you what type meteorite that is and I had suggested maybe something from Texas or nearby.

I attended the Muslow meeting of The Meteoritical Society but there weren't many there. I knew you hardly would be, and can appreciate your sentiments. I do wish we could improve the Society and its membership but of course if it once gets really professional and of high standing, amateurs and dilettantes like me will probably be frozen out by the technical papers! I was interested in meeting Mr. F. Behm Riggs of the Smithsonian Astrophysical and suggested he might want to try his electronic probe analyzer on the "scratches" in your Richland, Texas, slice provided you were willing.

Please do let me hear from you about Beas. I am the world's worst procrastinator, and I know you are most busy, so I don't blame you in the least, but I do feel this has got so old it ought to be terminated by now.

Sincerely,